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WASHINGTON, October 26.—The cotton situation arising from the European war is being rapidly cleared up, it was declared by President Wilson. He told callers to-day that the end of the war alone would restore normal conditions in the cotton industry, but that rapid progress was being made in the effort to assist the cotton growers of the South.

The President based his optimism concerning the cotton situation on the plans for furnishing money to the cotton planters and on the opening of foreign markets. He said that there is every reason why all ports should be open to cotton and predicted that they would be.

Mr. Wilson declared that Southern business men with whom he had talked, had not shown any apprehensive over the cotton situation. He added that he had been confident all along that the question would work itself out with the assistance of the administrative officers of the government.

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JURY GIVES HARRISON VERDICT FOR DAMAGES

(Continued from First Page.)

Benjamin Harrison. He is related to many other prominent families either by marriage or birth. His sister was the wife of Colonel Gus Drewry, by whom Westover was sold to Mrs. Ramsey, from whom she is divorced. She has three grown children, John S. Bishop S., and Miss Elizabeth Sears Harold.

Westover, her famous old Colonial home, was built by Colonel William Byrd early in the eighteenth century, and it is now one of the best examples of Georgian architecture in America. The house is a masterpiece of the old, and is a fine example of the show places along the James River, which is famous for such old estates as Shirley, Upper and Lower Brandon, Berkeley and Westover.

The suit was hotly fought by both sides, and the real battle is just beginning. Mrs. Ramsey has announced that she will contest it through the courts of the State, and it may be several years before it is finally settled.

Harry M. Smith and Irving E. Campbell, of Richmond, represented the plaintiff, and Richard Evelyn, Philip W. Avery, A. W. Blinn, H. C. Curtis, L. Parsons, G. L. Potts, C. M. Southall and W. W. Blinn Jr., represented the defendant.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC

OCTOBER 27, 1914.

Sun rises 6:10

Moon sets 12:25

High tide 12:25

Low tide 6:10

Barometer 30.0

Wind S.W.

Temperature 64

Humidity 63

Wind velocity 9

Local Rainfall Yesterday.

AMUSEMENTS

Colonial—Grace Scott Company in "A Contented Woman," matinee and night.

Empire—Lucille La Verne Company in "The Next Egg," matinee and night.

Biograph—The Passing Review of 1914, burlesque, matinee and night.

"A CONTENTED WOMAN"

When the late Charles Hoyt conceived the idea of building a popular farce based upon the humorous possibilities that lie in woman's suffrage and female political action, the result was a comedy which has been a success since it was first produced in 1914.

The play is a farce, but it is a farce of the highest order, and it is a farce which is not only humorous, but it is also a farce which is a masterpiece of the art of the farce.

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Third Anniversary of Government's Suit Against Steel Trust Marked by Continuation of Argument.

PHILADELPHIA, October 26.—The third anniversary of the government's suit to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation was observed here to-day by attorneys, who continued to fire verbal fusillades at each other.

Henry E. Colton, for the government, concluded his argument, and was followed by David A. Reed, of Pittsburgh, for the corporation.

A development to-day was the government's announcement that, in view of the cancellation of the lease of the Great Northern Railway interests in the Lake Superior district, the government would not object to the Steel Corporation's action against the corporation.

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